

# Monaro Timber

# NEWS

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## Workshop services

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The workshop continues to improve, not withstanding a few teething problems. It takes time to settle into a new shop and we did have a few dramas finding our way and working out a system. Most of the problems have now been solved and overall jobs are running on time. Last month I said we were waiting for some lighting to be put in. Well, it's almost there but still a bit to go. Unfortunately there are still corners around the place which require the use of a torch if the sun goes behind a cloud!! Since setting up the new workshop our thicknessing sander has been put to work fairly solidly. Many of our customers have discovered the benefits of having their panels and tops sanded by us instead of doing it themselves by hand. By far the most expensive part of any job is the labour so if you can reduce that then you are hopefully on track for better profits. Not to mention the fact that most people DO NOT enjoy sanding!! Our sander also deals with cranky boards much more easily than a conventional thicknesser. If you have any sanding or dressing problems then feel free to call and discuss them with us. We may be able to help you.

### Adhesives.

Our new Collano adhesives are proving to be popular. As I

discussed last month, there are several to choose from depending on the job and open time required. We are using the Semparoc 400 for most of our tops as it gives us the maximum working time. For the wide board tops with only a few joins we can comfortably get away with the Semparoc NV 12. This adhesive is faster than the 400 but still gives the same excellent results. These Polyurethanes really are the way to go on our Aussie hardwoods. I also understand that certification for use in structural beams is underway. They are used for structural purposes in Europe so it is only a matter of time before these Polyurethanes are accepted for beams etc in Australia. These adhesives are also excellent for out door use. If you would like to see some samples of the various applications then call in and we can show you.

### New Stock.

We have seen a lot of timber pass through the yard in the past month. The Kauri Pine promised in the last newsletter has turned up and as usual it is clean and well sawn. Stocks of Ash are excellent at the moment including Natural Feature grade. We have also been moving a lot of Red Stringy Bark with flooring soon to be available in this fantastic species.

Our workshop produced last month, a set of wide board tops, finished in Organoil. Absolutely magic. I have ordered some Stringy flooring to go into our Master Builders display. You can expect to see more of this species.

Other stocks to arrive in the past month include Jarrah, Blackwood, Brush Box, Silver Ash, Danta, Anegre and Red Gum. We also have good supplies of Spotted Gum, Blackbutt, Rock Maple and Clear Grade Radiata Pine. Need Flooring? Check out our Ash, Jarrah, Cypress, Blackbutt and Spotted Gum. If it's not in stock we can chase it for you. On order at the moment is Coachwood and Rose Gum. It's been a while since either of these species was in the rack so I am looking forward to seeing them. Coachwood was once very common but is now quite hard to come by. It's working properties are excellent and it polishes extremely well.

That's about all I have for you this month. Please remember to call on us should you require any assistance with a timber matter. If we can't help you directly we will always try and recommend someone who can. Finally, the coffee machine is going great so if you need the best cuppa in town, made from Lavazza beans, call in. **It's FREE!!**

Regards *Shaun*